

TELCON

Secy Packard

Mr. Kissinger

5-6-69 10:40 AM

K said he was calling Mel but could not reach him and asked if P was familiar with Seabed problem. P said just vaguely. K said Mel opposed it at NSC but called K after and said if we had to proceed he would like to make sure it contained some amendments. K said he wondered if he could get these changes. P said the main thing is that there is nothing in the draft that would jeopardize their underwater capability. K said President will probably go ahead with treaty but on the condition that Gerry Smith puts into the draft the changes Defense wants. P asked when K wanted it and K said by tomorrow morning. K said he is seeing Gerry Smith at 6:00p tomorrow night at his office. President wants K to negotiate this. P said K would have them by morning.

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